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Dear Howard,

If you do not know the story about Joseph Goulden, then a reporter for the Inquirer (CD391), he appears to have printed one of the earlier stories saying that Oswald was an FBI informant. The FBI was careful not to obtain and supply a copy of his story to the Warren Commission and to obfuscate the too-little reported (under date of 12/16/63) with crap about Ruby posing as a TV cameraman to gain entrance to the garage.

Goulden, when last I heard of him, lived in Washington, and I have often planned to look him up, but when I was able to he was not around.

The Inquirer morgue should have this and any related stories. Please ask them if they will provide a copy.

It may well be that this story added nothing to what was then known, had already been printed. But I think it would be wrong to assume this. One single, tiny clue might be there that is in no story of which I know.

Papers have different practises about their morgues. Some do not let others have any access to them, some will even give you the information by phone (as years ago, on another matter, the Bulletin did for me). But if they will do nothing else, if they'll give you the date, it will then be possible to examine the paper of that date in the library and get the story.

Goulden's source if given as "an unidentified law enforcement officer in Dallas", the information, "also told him that LEE HARVEY OSWALD at one time had had been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to become an informant". You will recognize this as not exactly the same as the Hudkins formulations.

The agent filing the report was John R. Wineberg, the Philadelphia File 44-767. While I doubt they'll be interested, if the Inquirer wants a copy, I'll be glad to supply it.

Again, thanks.